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**The House and Senate are back in session this week. Below you will find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and federal advocates are monitoring the week of November 13, 2012 and an update on Sequestration.**

**House Floor**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2012**

The House will meet at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

**H.R. 6190** - Asthma Inhalers Relief Act of 2012 (Sponsored by Rep. Michael Burgess / Energy and Commerce Committee) – This bill would direct the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to allow for the distribution, sale and consumption in the United States of remaining inventories of over-the-counter CFC epinephrine inhalers. Bill supporters argue the inhalers are a necessary emergency drug delivery system for those who suffer from asthma attacks. Opponents of the bill contend it provides a regulatory "earmark" that benefits just one company (Armstrong), and that the medical benefits of epinephrine for asthma are dubious.

**H.R. 6371** - Streamlining Claims Processing for Federal Contractor Employees Act (Sponsored by Rep. Tim Walberg / Education and Workforce Committee) – This bill would amend Title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the General Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title.

**Wednesday - Friday, November 16, 2012**

Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for morning hour and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. On Friday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business; last votes expected no later than 3:00 p.m.

Legislation Considered Under Suspension of the Rules:

**H.R. 6570** - To amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to consolidate certain CBO reporting requirements (Sponsored by Rep. Scott Garrett / Financial Services Committee). This bill would allow for annual, rather than semi-annual, reporting to the OMB for TARP and allows for once a year ARRA commenting reporting by the GAO and CBO rather than within 45 days.

*The mission of the government of the County of San Bernardino is to satisfy its customers by providing service that promotes the health, safety, well being, and quality of life of its residents according to the County Charter, general laws, and the will of the people it serves.*

### **House Hearings**

#### **Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

10:00 a.m. - House Committee on Energy and Commerce - Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee on "The Fungal Meningitis Outbreak: Could It Have Been Prevented?"  
Thursday, November 15, 2012

#### **Thursday, November 15, 2012**

10:00 a.m. - House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity hearing on "Review of Veterans Employment Challenges and Initiatives of the 112th Congress"

### **Senate Hearings**

#### **Thursday, November 15, 2012**

10:30 a.m. – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on "Water Resources Development Act of 2012" - Draft WRDA bill can be found [here](#).

### **Sequestration**

Congress will adjourn next week and return the first week of December to address the so-called "fiscal cliff," a metaphoric ledge created by the Budget Control Act of 2011 – and the Supercommittee's failure to reach a compromise last year- a package of deep spending cuts is now slated to take effect at midnight on New Year's Eve if an agreement cannot be reached. Click [here](#) to view NACo's Federal Budget Sequestration breakdown.